

tions in service: the State Library is no longer able to index the *Raleigh News and Observer*; it has reduced from thirty-five to five the number of state agencies for which it does cataloging; and it was forced to discontinue 16mm film service to public schools.

PUBLICATIONS

The law that created the Library Commission in 1909 contained two articles relative to publications. One required that every library in the state submit an annual statistical report to the commission; and a second stipulated that the commission in turn prepare a biennial report to the governor, 500 copies of which were to be published by the state printer.² When it became apparent that a mechanism was needed to inform the people, however, the commission immediately began the quarterly publication of the *North Carolina Library Bulletin* and in 1910 announced that "By the publication and the free distribution of the *Bulletin* the work of the Commission has been brought to the attention of those who are most naturally interested in library development and whose aid will prove a valuable asset."³

At the present time the State Library continues to receive annual reports from North Carolina libraries and currently publishes three statistical compilations containing information on collections, staff, use, and expenditures for public libraries, university and college libraries, and special libraries. The last of these covers separate specialized university libraries such as medicine and law, private business and industrial libraries, and those of state government.

Publication of statistical data alone, however, cannot discharge the State Library's obligation to serve as the central source for library information on a statewide basis. To do this, the library has designed a variety of other publications. General library information is disseminated via the State Library's bimonthly newsletter *Tar Heel Libraries*. *THL* contains short articles on library activities, summaries of noteworthy projects and programs, a professional calendar, announcements of educational opportunities, and recent North Caroliniana. It is distributed to all North Carolina libraries, accredited library schools, other state libraries, and, through a cooperative arrangement with the North